PATENT Altomey Docket No. 101.0078-00000 Customer N . 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gary K. Michelson Confirmation No. 5619 Serial No.: 09/593,591 Filed: June 13, 2000 For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG) Group Art Unit: 3738 BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED Examiner: P. Prebilic TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTATION SPACE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement of August 26, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for four (4) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-20, 22-30, 32-42, 85, 86, 88, 89, 91-127, 129, 148-152, 158-164, 166, 168-182, 203, 204, 206, 208-224, 226, 228-242, 263, 264, 266, and 268-282 directed to Species A.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

Respectfully submitted.

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